

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, comprising deriving an estimated motion vector from the first set of vectors, comparing the candidate vectors with the estimated motion vector and selecting one of the candidate vectors on the basis of similarity to said estimated vector.

7. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the estimated motion vector is the mean of two or more or all of the elements of said first set.

10. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the selection takes into account motion boundaries.

11. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, said analysis comprises comparing the motion vectors of neighbouring image blocks in the same frame with the corresponding motion vectors in the preceding or subsequent frame, and determining the approximation of motion vector according to the results of the comparison.

14. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 11, comprising approximating the motion vector using motion vectors from

neighbouring blocks in the same frame and motion vectors in the preceding or subsequent frame.

15. (Amended) A computer program for executing a method as claimed in claim 1.

17. (Amended) Apparatus adapted to execute a method as claimed
in claim 1.